CASE DISMISSED AGAINST 14 MEN

Six Now Held in Insurance Case to Pay Fine of \$500

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Newport News, Va., February 12.—
Fourteen of the twenty officers and committeemen of the Southeastern Underwriters' Association, who were found guilty last November of maliciously conspiring to increase fire insurance rates for this city, and were ineed \$500 each, were discharged by Judge Barham in the Corporation Court to-day.

The court set aside the verdict as to sell of the defendants, except the six members of the Virginia committee of the Underwriters' Association, who actually were present when the increase of 10 per cent. in local rates was promiugated.

of 10 per cent. In local rates was promulgated.
Counsel for the defendants now contend that the court is obliged to dismise the case against the remaining six, and this point will be argued later. In the event the motion is overruled, the six will take their cases to the Court of Appeals. The men against whom the verdict stands are L. R. Warren, of Richmond, chairman of the virginia committee; A. H. Harris, of Richmond, secretary of the Virginia committee; B. A. Hamlin, William R. Robins, E. B. Dewet and E. H. Jones. Those discharged are A. B. Andrews, of Atlanta, Ga., general manager of the association; W. R. Prescott, of Atlanta, president; Dan B. Harris, R. T. Caldwell, Guy Carpenter, E. T. Caldwell, George H. Collins, A. L. Brooks, R. N. Hughes, Dana Blackmar, J. C. Hare, J. S. Middleton, Benjamin J. Sr.ith, H. M. Tanner and Frank J. Arty.

Atty.

Of the twenty-three insurance men arrested at Hot Springs last summer, George Goodridge, H. Y. Chatterly and Jefferson Pearce were acquitted by

Held on Charge of Murder. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Newport News, Va., February 13.— George Page, a young negro, was held

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Rheumatism

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on the charge of murdering Eliza Elia Davis, a sixteen-year-old negro girl, his former sweetheart. The girl died yesterday afternoon from injuries alleged to have been sustained with Page kicked her several days ago. have been sustained when

ART CLUB OF RICHMOND TO HOLD MEETING TO-DAY

The Art Club of Richmond will hold its quarterly meeting this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the clubhouse, 521 West Grace Street, After the business—cetting Mrs. Norman V. Randolph will address the club on the switer "The Richmond of 1860-65 and 1911."

If the first of the club, which as and store the community at large does not realize its influence on the city along artistic and educational lines, nor the tangible results it has effected in the training of the art students, who have found the club a gaid who have thus become professionals here and elsewhere.

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It Jones, in the banqueting hall of "The Groves," assumed the name John Paul Jones; here Lord Cornwallis had his headquarters for a time, and General Lafayette was once a visitor, and distinguished men have assembled here in the years gone by.

The Grand Lodge of Masons met here to-day with the Royal White liart Lodge, Grand Master H. N. Hacket presiding. The lodge met in the Old Lodge room, that has been in use for more than a hundred years, and after the lodge was opened the members retained to prove its effect. free trial package.

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SORG-MANN CONTEST

Mny Result in Dendlock Between Coun-ell and Board of Aldermen. Former Alderman John Mann, Jr., seems to have somewhat the best of it in the Sorg-Mann contest for the seems to have somewhat the best of it in the Sorg-Mann contest for the Board of Fire Commissioners, which is to be decided by a joint session of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council at 7:30 o'clock to-night. Mr. Mann has an ample majority pledged to his support in the Board of Aldermen. It is doubtful, however, whether he has a majority of the lower branch, and should Mr. Sorg, the nominee of a majority of the ward delegation, carry the Council a deadlock may result, which could only be broken by throwing over both candidates. It is for just such a contingency that the friends of former Alderman N. Thomas Mosby are hoping. Following the joint session, the Board of Aldermen will meet at 8 o'clock with a long docket in prospect.

MAY ADD TO CITY HALL

Considering Plan to Run It Up Two or Three Stories.

The subcommittee on buildings of the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings met last night to consider the advisability of adding two or three stories to the City Hall. Building Inspector Beck was asked to make some Dreliminary estimates of the probable toost. Mr. Beck said it would be impossible to determine the matter until he cost. Mr. Beck said it would be impossible to determine the matter until he had examined the original plans and found the width and measurements of the foundations. He will report back on February 27. Realizing that any plan for enlarging the building or for erecting a separate courts building must be some years in the future, several of those present suggested a general reorganization of the City Hail office. It is stated that some offices having comparatively little business and small force have large rooms, while other busy offices are much overcrowded. There are a number of vacant rooms in the basement.

and taken into a nearby store to rest until the arrival of a taxicab, in which she went to the home of Mrs. B. B. Gilbert, 2101 Stuart Avenue.

Mrs. Land was just convalescing from a recent injury to her hip, and it was feared that the more recent injury might affect the former hurt.

The driver of the vehicle continued on his way, without looking back to see whom he had hurt, and escaped.

Incon "God Save the King" was sung in honor of the Duke of Beaufort, who should have appointed Grand Master Montfort, and then "Dixie," in honor of the Connecticut visitors.

To-night a banquet was given. R. C. Dunn was toastmaster, and toasts were responded to by prominent Masons from throughout the State.

Roanoke Council was presented a loving cup by Franklin Council, Nor-with Council.

Shocked; Goes to Hospital.

E. A. McKinley, twenty-one years old, son of J. C. McKinley, of 2669 East Franklin Street, is in the Virginia Hospital suffering from severe burns caused by an electric shock sustained at the Clay Street plant of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, where he was employed.

The accident occurred last Saturday. It was said last night that the young man will be able to leave the hospital this week.

THE WEATHER.

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	Louisville	54	56	Cloudy
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February 14, 1911.
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TO HIGHEST MASON Any Lady May Do It At Home-

Memory of "First, Last and Only Grand Master" Honored in Halifax.

Halifax, N. C., February 13 .-- The

the date on the North Carolina flag, has such a distinguished body of men assembled in the history of the town of Hallfax. The Grand Lodge of Masons, the Governor of the State, W. W. Kitchin, and many others have spent to-day in this community. making body of North Carolina once met here to legislate for the people; John Paul, visitor at the home of Wil-lie Jones, in the banqueting hall of

tired to the yard, where a tablet was unveiled to the memory of Joseph Montfort, the first, last and only grand master of America. At the grave Past Grand Master S. M. Gattis, on behal of the Joseph Montfort Memorial Association, presented the memorial to the Grand Lodge, which was received by Grand Master Hackett. Past Grand Master T. D. Winston, on behalf of the association, presented the memorial to the Royal White Lodge, it being re-ceived by Worshipful Master J. L. Weller.

tablet, was drawn aside by Miss Sallie Welch Long, of Northampton county, granddaughter of Captain T. W. Ma-son and direct descendant of Joseph Following is the inscription on the

Right Worshipful Jos. Montfort, born in England 1724, died in Hallfax, N. C., March 25th, 1776. "Appointed Provincial Grand Master for America January 1ith, 1771, by Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master of Grand Lodge England, A. F. and A. M. First Clerk Halifax county; Treasurer of Province of North Caro-lina; Colonel Colonial Troops; member Provincial Congress.

"Orato, Statesman, Patriot, Soldier. Highest Masonic official ever residing on this continent; first, last and only Grand Master." After the ceremonies at the grave

After the ceremonies at the grave the exercises were continued at the courthouse. Excellent High Priest R C. Dunn, of Enfield Chapter, presided and introduced the speakers. Grand Master W. H. McKoy, of Wilon February 27. Realizing that any plan for enlarging the building of for erecting a separate courts building must be some years in the future, several of those present suggested a general reorganization of the City Hail effices. It is stated that some offices having comparatively little business and small force have large rooms, while other busy offices are much overcrowded. There are a number of vacant rooms in the basement.

DESERTS HIS VICTIM

Mrs. Betsy Land, of Baltimore, Run Down and Painfully Hurf. While crossing Third at the intersection of Broad Street late yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Betsy Land, of Baltimore, Run difference, was run-down by a vehicle driven by an unknown white man. One of the wheels passed over her body, and she was painfully injured, Sha was pleased up by Policeman Clarkson and taken into a nearby store to rest until the arrival of a taxleab, in which she weiff to the home of Mrs. B. B. Grand Master W. H. McKoy, of William for a splendid historical splendid histori

throughout the state.

Roanoke Council was presented a loving cup by Franklin Council, Norwich, Conn. Roanoke Council, of Halifax, was organized by a delegation from Franklin Council ninety years ago.

The banquet was followed by a ball

MYSTERY IS SOLVED

Charles Trigg and Grace Elosser Killed by Cont Gas. Cumberland, Md., February 13,-That

Charles E. Trigg and Grace Elosser, the young couple found dead in the parlor It is better not to be without

Butter Nut Bread

Forecast: Virginin—Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain Tuesday afternoon or night: Wednesday rain; colder in west portion, increasing countiness recording the west portion, increasing countiness are conclusion of their end from carbon monoxide (coal gas) poisoning was the conclusion of the Washington and Baltimore chemists who tested the blood of the two victims. State's Attorney Robb announced the result of the chemists' nounced the result of the chemists' in the Elosser home December 31 last, analysis to-day.

Heretofore the authorities have

maintained that the pair met their death by evanide of potassium, the coroner's jury returning a verdict to that

Will Entertain Bryan.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Bristol. Va., February 13.—Arrangements have been perfected to give an elaborate banquet to Colonel William Jennings Bryan when he comes to Bristol next Thursday. The Y. M. C. A. auditorium will be used, and covers will be laid for 200 guests. It is expected that a number of prominent men from Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee will be in attendance.

Drunkards



Some Drunkard.

At last, drunk no more, no more. A reatment that is tasteless and odorses, safe, absolutely so; heartily increed by the temperance workers: treatment that is tasteless and odorless, safe, absolutely so; heartily indorsed by the temperance workers;
can be given secretly by any lady in
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procity he will call an extra session of

Prospect of General Revision.

It is known that in such event the Democrats will not content themselves with acting upon reciprocity alone, but will also take up one of the schedules of the tariff law, the woolen schedule, probably, and revise it, tacking the revision onto the reciprocity bill. Once started upon the work of revision, no one can tell where the Democrats would hait, and the standpatters are confronted by the possibility of farreaching tariff reductions.

By allowing reciprocity with Canada to go through now, it is being represented to them, there will be assured surcease from further tariff agitation until next December. of the tariff law, the woolen schedule,

tation until next December. These arguments are appealing to the hidebound standpatters very cogently, and to-day there were indi-cations of weakening among some of the forces that are fighting the legis-lation.

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ATTACK RECIPROCITY

Master of National Grange Replies to Secretary Wilson.

Concord. N. H., February 13.—The proposed Canadian reciprocity agreement is attacked in a letter sent today to Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson by former Governor Nahum J. Bachelder, of this city, national master of the National Grange, Patrons of the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and chairman of the legistative committee of that organization. The letter is a reply to the communication favoring the agreement sent by Secretary Wilson to Mr. Bachelder on Pebruary 9. Mr. Bachelder declares that the agreement is not fair to the agreement is not fair to the secretary Wilson to Mr. Bachelder on Pebruary 9. Mr. Bachelder declares that the agreement is not fair to the secretary Wilson to Mr. Bachelder on Pebruary 9. Mr. Bachelder of the Secretary Wilson to Mr. Bachelder on Pebruary 9. Mr. Bachelder of the Secretary Wilson to Mr. Bachelder on Pebruary 9. Mr. Bachelder of the Secretary Wilson to Mr. Bachelder on Pebruary 9. Mr. Bachelder of the Secretary Wilson to Mr. Bachelder on Pebruary 9. Mr. Bachelder of the Secretary Wilson to Mr. Bachelder on Pebruary 9. Mr. Bachelder of the Secretary Wilson to Mr. Bachelder on Pebruary 9. Mr. Bachelder of the Secretary Wilson to Mr. Bachelder on Pebruary 9. Mr. Bachelder of Wr. Balley in the Chief place of Wilson the Wilson to Wilson

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stale and exploded theory that the formers exist by the grace of protected unufacturers or any one else on earth. At sole question before the American people is whether we shall have free Me sole question before the American people is whether we shall have free trade in all farm products and high protection for manufacturer. We understand that you are a protectionist. What kind of protection is it that would compel the farmer to pay from 45 to 60 per cent, duties on everything he buys, and subject him to free trade competition in farm products, which can be produced more cheaply in Canada than in this country?

Land and Labor Cheaper.

"You know that the price of farm land is much lower in Canada than in the United States. You know that the wages of Canadian farm labor are much lower than we have to pay. You know

the United States. You know that the wages of Canadian farm labor are much lower than we have to pay. You know that the Canadian farmer buys his manufactured articles cheaper, because list tarlff duties on foreign goods are lower. You know that the farm lands of Canada are mostly virgin soil, requiring no fertilizers, while our lands have been cropped so long that we must use immense quantities of fertilizers. And yet, knowing all this, you would strike down the very moderate tarlff, averaging about 25 per cent, which they now receive, without giving them the benefit of any real reduction of duties on manufactured articles. We can only conclude that you have been deceived by the special interests, which have cunningly plotted to allay the country-wide clamor for an honest revision of the tarlff by making the farmer the scapegoat for the sins of the 1 igh protection system. Else you would never be found making such a statement as that 'free barbed wire fencing will be a boon to our farmers. "Do you not know that the steel trust sold last year in Canada more than 100,000,000 pounds of wire, and that we bought no wire from Canada! Do you not know that this barbed wire provision is an attempt to fool the farmers by a transparent trick?

Do you not know that this barbed wire provision is an attempt to fool the farmers by a transparent trick? Do you not know that Canada produces practically no wire, and that, with the duty on Canadlan wire abolished, we would not import one pound?

"Will it help the farming industry to remove the slight protection now given it and continue to give high protection to manufacturing industries? Surely you cannot believe for a moment that the way to encourage farming is to open our markets to the free admission of cheaper farm products.

"We beg to assure you that the farmers are not so easily deceived as many persons Imagine. They know that their ers are not so easily deceived as many persons imagine. They know that their income and the value of their property are threatened by this legislation, and they are determined to defeat it."

FAVORS PENSION BILL

Senate Committee Votes to Report Sulloway Mensure.

Washington. February 12.—By a vote of 8 to 3 the Senate Committee on Pensions to-day agreed to report to the Senate the Sulloway general pension bill, which already has passed the House. It was amended so that the annual cost, in addition to the \$153.000,000 estimated for the ensuing year, will be about \$45,000,000. As the bill passed the House it would have cost about \$50,000,000.

Senator McCumber, chairman of the committee, opposed the Sulloway bill and endeavored to have the commit-

committee, opposed the Sulloway bill and endeavored to have the committee report a measure which would cost for the first year about \$8,200,000. He was joined by Senators Gore and Tallaferro in making up the minority en the final yete.

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As passed by the House the Sulloway bill would increase the monthly pension of veterans of sixty-two years from \$12 to \$15; of sixty-five years from \$12 to \$20; of seventy-five years from \$15 to \$25, and of seventy or more from \$20 to \$36.

The Senate committee, by a vote of six to five, reduced the proposed maximum allowance from \$36 to \$30. As there are estimated to be 63,161 veterans who would be affected by this amendment at the present time, the change would decrease the annual cost a little more than \$4,500,000.

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According to the statement made by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, the cost of the Sulloway bill, as passed by the House, would be \$45,483,468, but the committee found that there would have to be added to this amount about \$4,000,000, to which a limited number of veterans would be entitled under general laws, increasing the total to about \$50,000,000 a year.

Its friends do not anticipate an easy time passing the measure through the Senate, especially as it has been intimated that President Taft would veto it if it were presented to him for his signature. The very fact that some Senators are confident that the President would veto the measure is said to have induced a withdrawal of considerable opposition, but, on the other hand, there are Senators who feel that the responsibility of such action should not be placed upon the Executive.

DEFENDS LORIMER

Senator Bailey Makes Powerful Plea for Illinois Man.
Washington, D. C., February 13.—De-fense of Senator Lorimer, of Illinois was offered by Senator Bailey, of Texas, to-day, in a speech so powerful that it was heard and applauded from

Mr. Balley.

Mr. Balley boldly charged that the war on Mr. Lorimer had been unrelenting and personal, and said that the effort had been not so much to convict wrongdoers as to destroy Mr. Lorimer.

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The Illinoisian was held up as a man possessed of all the private virtues, and the Texan declared that morathan the testimony of confessed bribetakers would be necessary to convince him of wrong practices on the part of Mr. Lorimer. In connection with his presentation of the law features in the case, Mr. Bailey gave what he declared to be the practice of the Sonate in vacating seats, holding no Senate in vacating seats, holding no Senator responsible for acts of corruption in his behalf when he had not been cognizant of them and requiring the vitiation of enough votes to rob him of his majority in case of his lack of acquaintance with the facts. On direct summons, Senators Root, Cummins and Borah, all opposed to Lorimer, gave assent to the first proposition, and the two last named did so with reference to the second. Many members of the House were in the Senate while the address was in process of delivery, and Mr. Lorimer himself was in his seat.

Mr. Bailey will continue his speech to-morrow.

Stabbed in Head,
Garfield Banks, colored, was stabbed in
the head by an unknown negro at Third
and Baker Streets last night. He was attended by Dr. Tune, of the city ambulance orps, and was taken home.

Our Political Postoffice

John Wanamaker was Postmaster-General; Senator Boies Penrose is chairman of the great Postoffice Committee of the United States Senate; Thomas H. Carter, Senator from Montana, has served many years on that committee.

No three men in the United States are better versed in postoffice affairs and needs than these.

On February 9, 1911, The Senate Postoffice Committee, under the leadership of Senators Penrose and Carter, reported favorably to the Senate for action the Postoffice Appropriation bill, containing a provision, put in without allowing public hearing or open consideration, but under political pressure from the White House, that increases the postage rate on magazines and periodicals to such an extent that it practically absorbs all the profits of the publishing business of the country and makes the further production of popular-priced magazines impossible. It imposes a tax that is confiscatory.

Notwithstanding, within the year Senator Boies Penrose said, referring to the Carter-Weeks bill:

"These are some of the big features of the bill. The whole intent is to systematize and to modernize the entire postal system. It is idle to take up such questions as apportioning the cost for carrying second-class mail matter or the proper compensation of railroads for transporting the mails until we shall have established business methods in postoffice affairs by a reorganization of the whole postal system.

"The commission unanimously recommended the passage of the projected bill. Personally I have been very much interested in all the details and, of course, am heartily in favor of the changes to be made."

Senator Carter said last March:

"But I must forego further pursuit of details. The bill was cordially approved by Postmaster-General Meyer and his assistants, and likewise has the approval of Postmaster-General Hitchcock. It failed of passage during the last Congress owing to lack of time for its proper consideration, but I have reintroduced the bill, which is now designated Senate 6287, Second Session, Sixtyfirst Congress. The Committee on Postoffices and Postroads will favorably report the bill to the Senate, and it should be enacted into law before the close of this session. I believe not only that it will increase efficiency, but that, after the expense of installation is absorbed, it will result in such economies in the administration of the department and service as will ere long wipe out the deficiency In operating under it the department will be able with almost unerring certainty to determine the actual cost of each service performed, thereby reaching a sound basis for legislation such as is neither available nor obtainable under the present

"I deeply sympathize with the earnest desire of the department officials to get rid of the deficiency they are fated to encounter each year, but I submit that the first real movement toward that end must begin with the substitution of a modern, up-to-date business organization for the existing antiquated system, which rests upon a few sections of law enacted in 1835, supplemented by statutory fragments added from time to time since that year.'

John Wanamaker said recently:

"With Mr. Hitchcock's suggestion, however, there will be no general agreement. The magazines are supported, not by the price paid for the magazine by the readers, but by the advertisers.

"In a sense magazines are private concerns; but they have a public function to perform—an educational function. To tax the advertisements is to tax the quality of the educational matter contained in the pages, for the advertisements enable the publishers to pay high prices for litera-ture and educational articles. The price paid for a magazine does not pay for the printing and the paper. If Mr. Hitchcock's suggestion should become part of the President's plan it would mean that the public would suffer in the loss of much educational material that the publishers then would be unable to buy."

We urge every friend of honest politics, economical government and a free press to telegraph or write an immediate protest to their Senators and Representatives at Washington.

THE CURTIS PUBLISHING COMPANY The Saturday Evening Post The Ladies' Home Journal Philadelphia, Pennsylvania